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THE FONOFF AND DEFENSE MINISTRY TOLD US THAT THEY WELL UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS WE FACE BECAUSE OF THE FUEL SHORTAGE AND DO NOT IN PRINCIPLE RAISE OBJECTIONS TO A REDUCTION OF THE CRESTED CAP EXERCISE. HOWEVER, THEY CONSIDER THAT THE EXERCISE HAS A CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE FROM BOTH THE MILITARY AND PUBLIC OPINION VIEWPOINTS. WITH THIS IN MIND, THEY REQUEST THE FOLLOWING CONCEPT BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION. INSTEAD OF THE FULL 50 PERCENT CUT AS SET FORTH IN THE REFTEL, THEY WONDER WHETHER THE TWO SQUADRONS COULD STAY THE WHOLE 60 DAY PERIOD IN EUROPE AND INCREASE THEIR SORTIES IN THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD MAKE UP FOR THE SHORTFALL CAUSED BY THE ABSENCE TO THE OTHER TWO SQUADRONS. ADMIRAL TRESBESCH, MOD

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PLANS AND OPERATIONS CHIEF, POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD MORE FULLY SERVE AN OPTICAL PURPOSE OF SHOWING THE EAST

THAT DESPITE THE FUEL CRISIS, NATO CAN MEET ITS MILITARY
OPERATIONAL NEEDS. IN ADDITION, SUCH AN OPERATION WOULD
TEND TO HEAD OFF POSSIBLE PUBLIC COMMENTS OR NEWSPAPER
CRITICISM WHICH THE 50 PERCENT REDUCTION MIGHT OTHERWISE
CAUSE. THE FONOFF AND MOD EMPHASIZED THEY WERE FULLY
SYMPATHETIC TO OUR PROBLEM, BUT NEVERTHELESS HOPED THE
ABOVE POINTS WOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY WASHINGTON
BEFORE A FINAL REDUCTION PLAN IS DECIDED UPON.
HILLENBRAND

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